(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have identified tne States/UTs or districts which are most vulnerable for growth of Oral Cancer in the country;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government proposes to take to prevent the growth of Oral Cancer in the country

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) The data collected under National Cancer Registry Programme of the Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi do not indicate any increase in the incidence of oral cancer over tne years.

(c) and (d) No reliable data are available in this respect.

(e) During thc 8th Five Ycar Plan more emphasis is being given on prevention and early detection of cancer including Oral Cancer, under National Cancer Control Programme. Various health education measures are being taken to educate the people to create awareness amongst them about the likely causes of cancers. The ill-effects of Tobacco chewing and smoking are suitably highlighted.

Import of condoms

3084. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to stop the import of condoms being used for the control of AIDS;

(b) what is the current requirements of condoms in the country and what is the quantity being imported annually; and

(c) whether indigenous production of condoms is sufficient to meet the requirements of the country and measure upto the WHO guidelines of October, 1991 under the global programme on AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Under the National AIDS Control Programme, condoms are not being imported for control of AIDS. However, under Family Welfare Programme, coloured condoms are being imported under Open General Licence (OGL) and there is a proposal to stop the import of coloured condoms.

(b) and (c) Current requirement of condoms in tne country is 950 million pieces to 1100 million pieces annually. Indigenous production of condoms is sufficient to meet country's requirement. The Government of India have notified the Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad for testing of condoms as per standards laid down under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules. Under the National AIDS Control Programme, the upgradation of the quality of condoms, according to specification which is being finalised by WHO, will be undertaken.

Clearance for New Oil Brand "LOK DHARA"

3085. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board has obtained clearance from his Ministry for permission to blend edible oil to launch their new oil brand 'Lok Dhara';

(b) whether the said clearance has been given to the National Dairy Development Board; and

(c) if not, the reasons herefor?